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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 16th August 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at quarter past nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Allotment of personnel under the States' Reorganization

* 101 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have asked for the option of the officers and staff of the Madras State in regard to their service in the Kerala, Mysore or the residuary Madras State; and

(*b*) if so, what is the basis on which the Government of Madras propose to allot the personnel in Malabar district and South Kanara district in the future reorganization set-up?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) In the allocation of personnel to Kerala and Mysore States consequent on the reorganization of States, it is the desire of the Madras Government to go by the wishes of the officers to the extent feasible but without conceding any right of option. It is also the desire of the Government that the areas to be transferred to Kerala and Mysore should as far as possible be manned by officers with the respective linguistic affinities.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it a fact, Sir, that the allocation of personnel to Kerala State and Mysore State was proposed to be first proceeded with on the basis of population to be transferred to the respective States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am unable to understand the hon. Member's question. There is no question of population arising here. Here is the District Administration in Malabar which has got to be manned. Officers belonging to various linguistic groups are already there; but it is the intention of the Government to see that as far as Malabar district is concerned that district is manned as far as possible by persons belonging to that Malabar area with Malayalam linguistic affinities. So also in the case of South Kanara district, it is the intention of the Government to see that that district is manned by persons who speak the Kannada language. So, there is no question of "population basis" arising here. It is only a question of manning the various posts in Malabar and South Kanara districts.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : May I know what percentage of officers of the total Services of the Madras State is held by persons from South Kanara and Malabar districts?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be put.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Travancore-Cochin State Government are confirming their personnel while persons who have put in greater service in this State are not yet confirmed? Will not this action of the Travancore-Cochin State Government not prejudice the cases of those officials of this State who are likely to be opted to that State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think the next question deals with that.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that one of the bases which the Government will take into consideration when this transfer takes place is the need of the Kerala State for having such officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. These posts already exist there and in these posts various persons are posted. Now, we take care to see that in Malabar Malayalam knowing officers are posted. There is no question of creating any new posts there or leaving anybody in the lurch there except perhaps for filling up vacancies arising on account of persons taking leave and for other purposes a certain quota is allotted, and that quota will also be allotted to Malabar district.

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Has it come to the notice of the Government that in view of certain statements made by certain Ministers in the State of Mysore that "officers have to make some sacrifices with regard to pay" most of the Kannada officers have opted to remain in the Madras State? Have this Government given any assurance to make them understand that no such sacrifices need be made on account of their transfer to Mysore State from this State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A specific provision has been made in the States Reorganization Bill—Clause 116—wherein rights of officers opting to another State are guaranteed. To that extent, the guarantees are there and I am sure they would be made effective too. I am sure the Chief Ministers are entitled to express their opinions and call upon persons to make sacrifices. But without sacrifices by the people and also by the official cadre it may not be possible for any State to progress.

SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Is it a fact that the Government are holding up confirmations which would have come in the usual course in the case of officers belonging to South Kanara district? This might prejudice their claims and rights when they go out to the new Mysore State, while the State of Mysore has already confirmed many of their officers in spite of instructions to the contrary from the Government of India.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think, Sir, that subject is relevant to the next question—question No. 102.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Is it not a fact that some of the Tamil officers serving in the Madras State hope to get promoted on the reorganization of States and their chances of promotion will be seriously affected by Malayalees and others still remaining in this State even though for all practical purposes they are entering into " an era of linguistic States? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree, Sir, particularly some persons were pitching their hopes very high that they would be able to get immediate promotion and perhaps that was one of the reasons for this agitation to have separate States also. But apart from that, we have to take into account the officers now serving the Madras State and we cannot leave them in the lurch and say since the State Reorganization is taking place we have to retrench officials belonging to either Malayalam or Kanarese group.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Now that the principle has been laid down that the transfer of officers should be based upon linguistic inclination of the officers concerned, did all the Malayalam speaking officers as well as the Kannada speaking officers opt to go to their respective States and if not how many of them are still going to be retained in our State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I do not have the exact numbers, because the pattern is not quite clear and final decisions have not been taken. But I may inform the House that there will be a good number of Malayalee and Kanarese officials serving in Madras even after reorganization. 9-20 a.m.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : With regard to Devikulam and Peermede and other surrounding places which are undoubtedly thickly populated with Tamilians, have the Government made any arrangement to see that their rights are safeguarded by posting Tamilian officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is under another State Government. We cannot make arrangements for the posting of officers in that area.

Confirmation of officials of Travancore-Cochin State to the prejudice of Madras personnel allotted to the Kerala State

* 102 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Government of India to prevent the Travancore-Cochin Government from confirming their officers or otherwise reorganizing the services in such a way as may prejudice the claims of the Madras officers who may be allotted to Kerala State on its formation?